

Biography of the Honorable Joseph T. Kelliher

Chairman Kelliher was nominated by President George W. Bush to a Republican seat on the Commission, and was sworn in on November 20, 2003. He was designated Chairman of the Commission by President Bush, effective July 9, 2005.

Before becoming a Commissioner, Mr. Kelliher was Senior Policy Advisor to Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham. In that capacity, he advised the Secretary on a wide range of energy policy matters. Mr. Kelliher helped develop the National Energy Policy. He had served as Senior Policy Advisor to the Secretary since the inauguration of President George W. Bush.

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Before joining the Department of Energy, Mr. Kelliher served on the Bush/Cheney Presidential Transition Team. Previously, Mr. Kelliher was of Counsel with the law firm of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae. He served as Majority Counsel to the House Committee on Commerce from 1995 to 2000, where he was responsible for electricity, hydropower, conservation, nuclear waste, and other energy legislation. During 1991 to 1995, Mr. Kelliher represented Public Service Electric and Gas Company before the Congress on a wide range of energy legislation.

Congressional Testimony

» **November 2, 2005** - Chairman Kelliher testifies on natural gas prices before the House Committee on Energy and Commerce [View Details](#)

In the late 1980s, Mr. Kelliher worked for the American Nuclear Energy Council, where he was responsible for nuclear licensing reform and various regulatory issues. In the mid-1980s, Mr. Kelliher served on the staff of Rep. Joe Barton (R-TX), current chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. In the early 1980s, Mr. Kelliher worked at the law firm of Preston, Thorgrimson, Ellis & Holman.



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Mr. Kelliher has worked on energy issues for over 20 years.

Mr. Kelliher is married to the former Karen Goff. They have two sons and a daughter.

Born: January 17, 1961.

Education: Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service, B.S.F.S., 1983; American University Washington College of Law, J.D., Magna Cum Laude, 1994.

Profession: Lawyer.

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Market Manipulation, Market Power and the Authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 26 ENERGY L. J. 1 (2005).

The Need for Mandatory Electric Reliability Standards and Greater Transmission Investment, 39 UNIV. OF RICHMOND L. REV. 717 (2004).

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